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In commenting on the two recent interceptions at Key West of infected material Plant Commissioner William Newell says: "On both occasions black fly larvae and eggs were found in the personal and hand baggage of passengers from Havana, Cuba, the infestation being upon the foliage of limes. In both cases the limes had been obtained by the passengers for their use while enroute from Havana to points north Also in both cases the quantity of limes remaining upon arrival at Key West would probably have been only sufficient to supply the passengers' requirements while enroute along the East Coast of Florida to Jacksonville. Had the interception not been made there is little doubt the passengers would have thrown out of the car window at some point along the East Coast the lime twigs and leaves remaining after all of the limes had been consumed, thus possibly establishing black fly infestations at several points in the citrus growing sections of the East Coast. It seems these two interceptions are of special interest as illustrating the necessity for close inspection of hand baggage as well as all other material arriving from fly-infested ports; also, as showing the possibility of black fly becoming established along the railroad lines of Florida leading from our principal ports of entry.

"In this connection I might add that it is rather surprising to plant board officials that the black fly has not become established in Florida when one considers the many channels of communication between the islands and the mainland.

"Horticultural material infested with black fly has been intercepted on a number of occasions by our inspectors. These men are stationed at the several ports of entry of the state and closely scrutinize all plants and plant product shipments. In addition to this there are located at Key West and Port Tampa, the two principal ports of entry through which fruits and vegetables from Cuba are imported, completely equipped fumigating houses, where all fruit and vegetables arriving from Cuba are treated by means of hydrocyanic acid gas.

"Notwithstanding all of the precautions which are being taken to prevent the entry of the black fly into Florida the chances of its gaining a foothold in the state are nevertheless great. Fruit growers are urged, therefore, to report to the state plant board or experiment station at Gainesville any condition found in their plantings which they regard as suspicious. By so doing an infection of black fly may be discovered in its incipiency and prompt and vigorous measures taken to handle the situation."

Entertained with Wiener Roast

Elizabeth Ireland entertained a few friends with a wiener roast on the river front on Wednesday night. Wieners, pickles and bread were enjoyed, after which ice cream and cake were served. Mrs Ireland was assisted in entertaining by Mrs Disbennett and Alma. Those invited were Elizabeth Ireland, Myrtle Disbennett, Winifred Hofreiter, Doris Eckler, Eleanor Wilkinson and Ruth McLean, and Kenneth Disbennett, Chesley and Guy Athearn, Herbert Fuller and Jean Saulnier.

MILLAGE LEVIED BY THE COUNTY BOARD

PROPERTY OWNERS IN THIS DISTRICT WILL PAY TOTAL OF 39 MILLS COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES.

New Smyrna property owners will pay a total of 24 mills for county taxes this year and 15 mills for school taxes, according to action taken by the county board of commissioners at their regular meeting held last week.

The county millage of 24 is made up from levies for various funds as follows: For the general fund, 2½ mills; for the fine and forfeiture fund, ½ mill; for road construction and maintenance, 6 mills; total 9 mills. The millage levied in the New Smyrna special road and bridge district is 15, divided 10 mills for maintenance and 5 mills for sinking fund. Total, 24 mills for county.

The levy for general school purposes is 10 mills and 5 mills for the special school district bond funds.

The total assessed valuations in the county were estimated for the purpose of placing the levy by the county tax assessor, but the valuations in the various road and school districts have not yet been tabulated by the assessor.

At this meeting Commissioner W E. Swoope was authorized to advertise for bids for the clearing, grading and shelling of the road down the peninsula from Coronado to Eldora for five miles from Eldora north. This action was taken because it is evident that with the small number of convicts now in the county camp it will take a long time to complete the road by convict labor and in order to have it finished in time for use this winter it was determined to finish it up by contract.

The county board ordered bonds issued for all the former members of the New Smyrna home guards who recently purchased their rifles.

The appointment by the Seminole county commissioners of S. R. Wood as feeryman at the Osteen ferry was approved by the board.

The following resolution was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes:

"Resolved, that it appearing to the board of county commissioners that the office of county farm demonstration agent is one which the people of the county wish maintained, therefore, be it

"Resolved, that an appropriation of $1,200 be included in the 1920-21 budget to pay the salary of such agent for the ensuing year, beginning October 1, 1920."

E. L. Greer left yesterday for a two weeks trip to New York.

RAILROAD POLICE ARE AFTER LIQUOR HANDLERS

Miami Metropolis: Charged with transporting two quarts of liquor, James Albury, colored, thought to be a deserter from the navy, was arrested at the Florida East Coast railroad station by railroad and city police and on a hearing before United States Commissioner J. M. Graham of the United States district court was bound over to the next term under a bond of $500.

The liquor was found in a trunk which Albury delivered to the depot and which he later checked to Jacksonville. In the trunk as well were a pistol and a bunch of Yale keys, 29 in number, from the Dinner Key naval air station. The negro admitted he had been in the navy, but could not show his discharge papers.

J. D. Lockridge, captain of the railroad police, says the railway police have received orders to be vigilant in their search for liquor in the baggage transported by the company. Under the law the railroad company becomes an abettor of the crime of transporting liquor if it accepts baggage in which liquor is known to be secreted.

"Heretofore we have left the enforcement of the prohibition act up to the federal officials," says Mr. Lockridge. "From now on, however, we will take an active part in the enforcement. We are not required to have a warrant to open baggage in which we know liquor is secreted. If we are not certain, then we must get a warrant. But if we smell liquor that warrants us in opening the baggage."

October 8, 2,000 farmers will gather at Palatka, that being national farmers' day, for a conference on cooperative marketing.

CITY NOT TO PURCHASE THE DADE CITY ELECTRICAL UNIT

EXPERT INVESTIGATION SHOWS BAD CONDITION

DEFINITE ACTION FOR LIGHTS MUST BE TAKEN AT ONCE OR WINTER VISITORS WILL NOT RETURN.

That the city council made a wise move when it decided to have an expert examine the electrical unit and engine at Dade City, offered for sale to the city of New Smyrna, is shown by the report of the expert that it would be an unwise move on the part of the city to purchase the outfit, even as an emergency proposition. The report of the expert is that the cost would be more than $1,000 to put the engine in shape for use by the city.

The committee of members of the city council and board of bond trustees sent to Dade City last week to investigate the proposition returned Friday afternoon and a meeting of the city council was held that night to hear the report of the committee. The report was favorable and the council was advised to purchase the outfit as the best proposition in sight to get lights for the city within a reasonable length of time. No member of the committee was enough of an expert machinist to determine the extent of the "minor repairs" needed for the engine, so it was decided to have the Fairbanks Morse company send a man to Dade City to make a thorough examination and report before anything definite was done in the way of a purchase.

The mayor and council obtained an option on the plant until October 14 at a price of $2,000. The report from the man sent to Dade City by the Fairbanks Morse company was received Wednesday evening and it was informally considered by members of the council that the option should be surrendered and the purchase of the plant given no further consideration.

The report comes as a disappointment to the people of New Smyrna, who have been under the impression that the purchase of the plant was practically certain and that it would be installed and supplying electric current within a month. The council is now at the same point it was before the Dade City plant was considered.

A meeting of the council will be held within the next few days to determine what steps shall be taken next The city must have lights and definite arrangements for current must be made at once The only possible way open at present is for the people to carry the proposed bond issue in the special election Sept. 7 and for the council to purchase the necessary two electrical units, placing the order as soon as possible in order to have the plant working and supplying current before the beginning of the winter season. One of these units will be a small one to be used for supplying current in the day time and at night after the heavy load is off and the other will be a larger one to handle the heavy load from late in the afternoon until midnight

If the bond issue fails to carry it will mean a continuance of kerosene lamps and candles and an absence of our regular winter visitors the coming season.

The News has already received a number of letters from the regular winter residents inquiring if the prospects are really good for lights, and these people are anxious to know at once so arrangements can be made to go to some other place in Florida for the winter if New Smyrna is to be without lights this season

Definite action for lights must be taken at once.

Summer shipments of fish from Ft. Pierce are placed at 30,000 pounds per week, the season's shipment running close to half a million pounds, and the most of these are the lowly mullet.

Some time ago the state supreme court was 400 cases behind in calling the docket; it is now 200 behind but it is thought that at the next sitting not more than 100 of these will be ready for hearing. The court is hunting for an additional jurist but hesitates to ask the legislature for such.

WHO MAKES CHARGE FOR CLEANING LOTS?

Editor New Smyrna News:

Are the property owners of New Smyrna having a fair deal?

Not if others are having like experiences to my own, and I am told that similar complaints have been made.

I have four plots of land in the south part of town, 150x150 feet each, that have been grubbed and are easily cleaned up.

Three years ago the marshal had them cleaned and charged $6.00 for the whole job, which was reasonable. For 1919 the charge was $22.00, which is four times what it should be.

On two house lots, 100x150 feet in all, where the old graves are south of the city hall, the charge was $7.00 and the work should have been done easily in thirty minutes by any able-bodied man.

If others have had like experiences I would like to hear from them, and with their help see if we must stand for such injustice.

The accompanying letter explains itself.

W. S. HART.

Aug. 2, 1920

Mr. M. A Rollo, City Marshal,
New Smyrna, Florida.
Dear Sir:

I paid my New Smyrna taxes on March 18th last, and the charges for cleaning up my city lots.

These charges were entirely unreasonable and I told the collector that I would not stand for them, though I paid them to save him embarassment.

Since then I have been trying to get the matter adjusted and, through the different members of the council and Mayor Zipperer, have finally traced back to you as the responsible city official.

I saw you and was assured that the charge was excessive, that some mistake had been made which you would immediately look into and have corrected. I waited two or three weeks, then saw you again and received like assurances, but no results.

Out of six calls at your house, these were the only times I could find you. A call means six miles of travel for me. I then wrote you, but got no response.

You are a public official and your acts are open to criticism. I never met you except on these two occasions, and have no spite or old grudge to work out, but finding that other methods will not secure me the protection that I as a taxpayer am entitled to, I shall make an open fight for it, whether carelessness, incompetence or graft be at the bottom of my trouble, and it will be worked out, even though it be necessary to stir New Smyrna to its depths. I will wait one week longer for adjustment, then fire my first gun through a local paper.

It is up to you to act or be sorry.

Yours truly,
W. S. HART.

RUM RUNNER SUFFERS BY HOLD-UP AND LOSS

A few days ago a boat landed off the inlet. Thereby hangs a tale of woe and demonstrates that the life of a rum runner is not a happy one. The story goes that a couple of fellows were down here, from somewhere else, in a boat, expecting a cargo of booze. While awaiting its arrival they saw a boat come in and drop anchor, and suspected it also was a rum runner. They were evidently clever crooks, because they at once put out for the schooner and very soon boarded her. They claimed to be revenue officers, and made the crew of the prize they had seized go ashore, while they are said to have transshipped 10 cases of high grade goods from their victim to their own boat and made off with it, while the crew sat helplessly on shore listening to what the wild waves were saying. It is said the captured boat belonged in and was bound for St Augustine. The funny part of the story is that the original owner of the stuff has no redress, even if he or they know who the men were who confiscated their outlawed property. —Stuart Messenger

Several portable distillation plants are in operation in this state and others are being considered, the idea being to work over the cut-over pine lands and convert the stumps into turpentine, pine oil and charcoal.

ARIEL DISTRICT TO RETAIN ITS SCHOOL

TRUSTEES ASK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO RESCIND FORMER ACTION TO SEND PUPILS TO LOCAL SCHOOL.

At the August meeting of the county school board, held last week, the county superintendent reported that teachers have been employed for all positions in the county for the coming year, with the exception of about 15. He also reported several outstanding contracts issued to teachers recommended by local trustees and employed by himself, which have been out for periods from ten days to six weeks. It was ordered that all outstanding contracts which have been out for ten days or longer be cancelled and the superintendent be authorized to fill the vacancies.

The trustees of the Port Orange school were authorized to rent a small building for school purposes from Mrs. Eugenia Fair, price $100 per year.

The trustees of Ariel district, No. 52, came before the board with a petition protesting against the action of the board at a former meeting whereby the Ariel school was discontinued and the pupils ordered transported to New Smyrna, subject to the approval of the New Smyrna trustees. The trustees refused to allow any part of their district funds used to defray expense which would be incurred by New Smyrna in providing for these children. The New Smyrna trustees refused to accept them without such additional appropriation from district No. 52. The action of the board in abolishing the Ariel school was, therefore, rescinded and it was ordered that the school be continued this season as usual.

The Ariel trustees, upon request, were given permission to have screens made for doors and windows of the schoolhouse.

A communication was received from H. J. Magruder setting forth the conditions in his section, from which it was noted that there are five or six children there who live four or five miles from Oak Hill and three to four miles from the Shiloh school. It was ordered that each of these children be allowed $2.50 per month each to aid in transportation, provided, the board assumes no obligation as to tuition.

In response to call for bids for transporting pupils from Hawks Park to New Smyrna school, two bids were presented, one from G. G. Warren for $85 per month, and one from A. B. Wilkinson for $62.50 per month. The contract was awarded to Mr. Wilkinson and contract with bond in the sum of $300 authorized.

DEATH OF FATHER IS SHOCK TO MRS. SAMS

In response to a telephone message received Friday afternoon that her father, William B. Taylor, had died suddenly at Gainesville, Mrs. C. H. Sams went to Gainesville that night, accompanied by her husband and Mr. and Mrs C. O. Williams. Mrs. Sams had received a letter from her parents in the morning saying they had returned from an outing in North Carolina, that her father was much improved and that they would probably be over here for a visit this week. The announcement of his death came as a sad shock to his daughter here. Some time ago Mr. Taylor suffered a nervous breakdown and since that time has been devoting his time and energies to recovering his health. He felt so much improved he had resumed his duties as president of the Baird Hardware company in Gainesville that morning. In the afternoon his dead body was found on the second floor of the company's store and physicians said he had been dead for about two hours Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon Mr Taylor was well known by many people in New Smyrna, having visited here frequently

Chastaine Child Improving

Little Aldine Chastaine, who was injured by being struck by an automobile on Canal street last Thursday, is reported to be improving nicely at the Forster sanatarium The child received a bad cut and bruise in the head from her contact with the cement paving, but the skull was not fractured.

During the fiscal year recently ended the state has paid into the national treasury approximately fifteen and a half million dollars taxes.

Y. M. C. A. CAMP FOR BOYS BEING PLANNED

FORTY BOYS OF VOLUSIA COUNTY TO ENJOY PRIVILEGES FOR TEN DAYS SOME TIME NEXT MONTH.

Forty lads of Volusia county are to enjoy the privileges of the county Y. M. C. A. camp, when the camp committee decides on the time, the place and the boy. The time will probably be from September 7 to 17; the boys will be between the ages of 12 and 15; the place will probably be the banks of Lake Winona, or it may be the banks of Lake Ashby. It may be somewhere else, but that will be announced soon by the county camp site committee.

The preliminaries are in the hands of a committee of three composed of R. H. Boyd of DeLand, J. Blair Dunn of Daytona and Maurice W. Ashton of New Smyrna. These three leaders of the county are to have the deciding voice in everything pertaining to the camp. Last week they inspected the proposed site at Lake Winona, a beautiful spot four miles from DeLeon Springs. It is about half a mile wide and from two to three miles long. It is surrounded by native forest and is one of the high spots of the county.

It is the intention to incorporate the movement and the camp location is to be made a permanent affair. What building is to be done will be done as a permanent oragnization, and the county camps for boys are to be featured during the year by the Y. M. C. A. workers.

E. J. Milan of the Orange county association will have charge of the athletics and aquatic sports of the county camp next month. Mr. Milan was formerly the physical director of the New York association. Mayor Duckworth of Orlando has written County Secretary L. R. Reynolds that Orange county will permit Mr. Milan to attend the Volusia county camp. Mr. Milan was at the state camp and the boys who attended that meet know what is in store for those who will have the privilege of being under his direction.

Mr Reynolds will address groups of boys in the county on the opportunity of attending the county camp. The membership is to be representative, and each community will have an opportunity of sending some boy to it. A number of lads have already asked for the privilege of attending.

Previous to the organization of the camp, September 7, there will be a preliminary camp at the place. It is being planned for the older boys and a few key boys who will assist during the camp in looking after the welfare of the place and of the boys. The camp organization will consist of a staff of officers and various departments and the entire group will be thoroughly organized so that the greatest pleasure and benefit may be secured from the fortnight in the woods.

Secretary Reynolds returned last week from the summer school for Y. M. C. A. workers. Earlier in the season he attended the boys' workers' conference at Blue Ridge, and he is full of fresh ideas for the proper direction of boy development. The county camp has many great things ahead of it, and the selection of a boy for the place is the greatest privilege ahead of any county lad.

It is the intention to secure a permanent location for the camp. It is the intention of the county organization to buy the site and for that reason the committee is making a thorough canvass of the places that may offer special advantages for such an enterprise.

HEALTH BOARD MAN INVESTIGATES HERE

A representative of the state board of health was in the city the first part of the week checking up on conditions in New Smyrna as regards the general health conditions in the city and giving orders to proprietors of public places, especially the retail stores selling food products, as to screens, sanitation, etc In a general way he found conditions in New Smyrna pretty good

Over at the lower end of Okeechobee a number of bears have lately been seen. A lad recently saw a big fellow walk across the path over which he was wending his way and it was a tossup which was scared the worse, the bear or the boy. The bear had a perfect right there for the vicinity is known as Big Bear branch.

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CORONADO NEWS

S H Barber has had a new metal roof put on the Barber house

H U Bonet Spent Sunday with his wife at the Detwiler home

Mr and Mrs John Schillings spent the week end with relatives at Pablo Beach

Mr and Mrs D P Smith and family are spending some time in their beach cottage

Mr and Mrs Roy Galbreath and family have returned from their motor trip to Miami

We have with us now the mosquitoes—unwelcome visitors and their speedy departure is desired

Mr and Mrs A S Matlack and son Marion of Sorrento spent several days this week visiting their friends the Misses Royals in the Baker apartment house

Dr T J Harvey of New Smyrna has purchased the Phillips cottage and moved into it last week

Mr and Mrs W L Cooper and Mesdames John Silsby and Jack Read motored to DeLand Tuesday

Mr and Mrs Wilbur Griffin of New Smyrna have moved into the upstairs part of the Old Kentucky Home

Mrs J Y Detwiler and grand daughter Frances Goodwin have gone to Harlin Ind for a visit with relatives

Mr and Mrs Walter Cooper left last Friday for their home in Sorrento after a visit with their son W L Cooper and family

Mrs William Schreck and baby are spending the week with the former's parents Mr and Mrs H C Long street at Daytona Beach

Mr and Mrs C A Raulerson and Mr and Mrs W E Dooley and son of Geneva are spending ten days in one of the John Adams apartments

The Detwiler family are now riding in a new Ford limousine which was a present to Mr and Mrs Detwiler on the occasion of their recent golden wedding anniversary from Mr Detwiler's brother

Arrivals this week at the Ocean View hotel are Miss Willie Brown Mrs N Higgins Mrs Hanson and daughter and O W Johnson all of Orlando Mrs Royal and daughter and Mr Palmer of Cassia Fla

Several turtle nests have been found lately and there is talk of a black bear that finds these nests and consumes large quantities of the eggs Several people claim to have seen the bear on the beach but nobody has tried to get near enough to it to take a shot at it

Rev and Mrs C E Toland left Wednesday for their home in Sorrento after a vacation of six weeks at the beach Rev Mr Toland is pastor of the Presbyterian church in Sorrento and while in Coronado was very successful in catching fish of many varieties

A card from Rev W S Gray says the family are enjoying their vacation in the Rose cottage at Daytona Beach The regular preaching services at the church here will not be resumed until Aug 1 Sunday school next Sunday at 10 30 a m with Mrs Maxwell of Sanford as leader

Frank Bennett formerly of Coronado and now of Sanford is visiting at the Peck cottage down the beach Mr Bennett is a faithful fisherman and the sharpheads have been having a hard time since he came Mr Bennett wishes there were some of the speckled varieties in Lake Monroe

There have been a great many rainbow and spotted trout in the ocean lately The trout come in close enough to shore to be caught with cast nets Several times bathers have run into schools of them in the surf Not a pleasant sensation but the fish didn't remain long after the bathers came

There have been quite a number of Coronado people motoring to beach this summer At one time there were over 50 residents of Coronado visiting here several families continue here and are spending the summer enjoying the ocean breeze Last Sunday a Gospel prayer was held at the pavilion An impromptu dinner was served at noon and followed by a social hour Those present were Mr and Mrs Deole Mr and Mrs Sutter Mr and Mrs Kilbee and [illegible] Mr and Mrs Wilson [illegible] of Sanford

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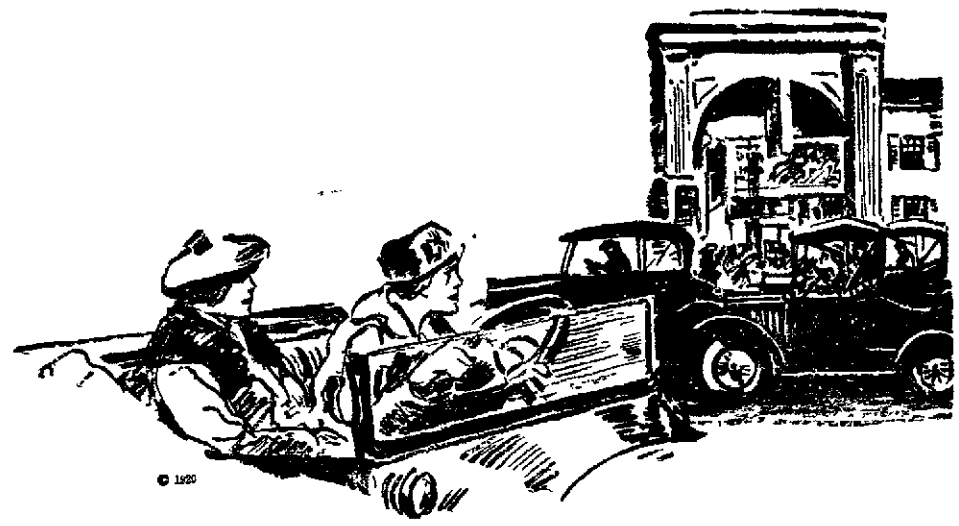

What's done as much as anything else to fill up the movie houses

LOOK at the crowds that step out of their cars in front of the movies every summer evening.

The movie managers would be renting half of their theatres for store space, if it weren't for the automobile.

II

It is typical of Americans that they took to the automobile as a matter of course—just as they have to the movies and to every other great invention of the last half century.

And the same thing has happened everytime. *Taking things as they come* is a fine way to foster waste and extravagance.

As regards tires, the comeback is about due. People are pretty near through paying for something that *isn't there* when they look for it.

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In commenting on the two recent interceptions at Key West of infected material Plant Commissioner William Newell says: "On both occasions black fly larvae and eggs were found in the personal and hand baggage of passengers from Havana, Cuba, the infestation being upon the foliage of limes. In both cases the limes had been obtained by the passengers for their use while enroute from Havana to points north Also in both cases the quantity of limes remaining upon arrival at Key West would probably have been only sufficient to supply the passengers' requirements while enroute along the East Coast of Florida to Jacksonville. Had the interception not been made there is little doubt the passengers would have thrown out of the car window at some point along the East Coast the lime twigs and leaves remaining after all of the limes had been consumed, thus possibly establishing black fly infestations at several points in the citrus growing sections of the East Coast. It seems these two interceptions are of special interest as illustrating the necessity for close inspection of hand baggage as well as all other material arriving from fly-infested ports; also, as showing the possibility of black fly becoming established along the railroad lines of Florida leading from our principal ports of entry.

"In this connection I might add that it is rather surprising to plant board officials that the black fly has not become established in Florida when one considers the many channels of communication between the islands and the mainland.

"Horticultural material infested with black fly has been intercepted on a number of occasions by our inspectors. These men are stationed at the several ports of entry of the state and closely scrutinize all plants and plant product shipments. In addition to this there are located at Key West and Port Tampa, the two principal ports of entry through which fruits and vegetables from Cuba are imported, completely equipped fumigating houses, where all fruit and vegetables arriving from Cuba are treated by means of hydrocyanic acid gas.

"Notwithstanding all of the precautions which are being taken to prevent the entry of the black fly into Florida the chances of its gaining a foothold in the state are nevertheless great. Fruit growers are urged, therefore, to report to the state plant board or experiment station at Gainesville any condition found in their plantings which they regard as suspicious. By so doing an infection of black fly may be discovered in its incipiency and prompt and vigorous measures taken to handle the situation."

Entertained with Wiener Roast

Elizabeth Ireland entertained a few friends with a wiener roast on the river front on Wednesday night. Wieners, pickles and bread were enjoyed, after which ice cream and cake were served. Mrs Ireland was assisted in entertaining by Mrs Disbennett and Alma. Those invited were Elizabeth Ireland, Myrtle Disbennett, Winifred Hofreiter, Doris Eckler, Eleanor Wilkinson and Ruth McLean, and Kenneth Disbennett, Chesley and Guy Athearn, Herbert Fuller and Jean Saulnier.

MILLAGE LEVIED BY THE COUNTY BOARD

PROPERTY OWNERS IN THIS DISTRICT WILL PAY TOTAL OF 39 MILLS COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES.

New Smyrna property owners will pay a total of 24 mills for county taxes this year and 15 mills for school taxes, according to action taken by the county board of commissioners at their regular meeting held last week.

The county millage of 24 is made up from levies for various funds as follows: For the general fund, 2½ mills; for the fine and forfeiture fund, ½ mill; for road construction and maintenance, 6 mills; total 9 mills. The millage levied in the New Smyrna special road and bridge district is 15, divided 10 mills for maintenance and 5 mills for sinking fund. Total, 24 mills for county.

The levy for general school purposes is 10 mills and 5 mills for the special school district bond funds.

The total assessed valuations in the county were estimated for the purpose of placing the levy by the county tax assessor, but the valuations in the various road and school districts have not yet been tabulated by the assessor.

At this meeting Commissioner W E. Swoope was authorized to advertise for bids for the clearing, grading and shelling of the road down the peninsula from Coronado to Eldora for five miles from Eldora north. This action was taken because it is evident that with the small number of convicts now in the county camp it will take a long time to complete the road by convict labor and in order to have it finished in time for use this winter it was determined to finish it up by contract.

The county board ordered bonds issued for all the former members of the New Smyrna home guards who recently purchased their rifles.

The appointment by the Seminole county commissioners of S. R. Wood as feeryman at the Osteen ferry was approved by the board.

The following resolution was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes:

"Resolved, that it appearing to the board of county commissioners that the office of county farm demonstration agent is one which the people of the county wish maintained, therefore, be it

"Resolved, that an appropriation of $1,200 be included in the 1920-21 budget to pay the salary of such agent for the ensuing year, beginning October 1, 1920."

E. L. Greer left yesterday for a two weeks trip to New York.

RAILROAD POLICE ARE AFTER LIQUOR HANDLERS

Miami Metropolis: Charged with transporting two quarts of liquor, James Albury, colored, thought to be a deserter from the navy, was arrested at the Florida East Coast railroad station by railroad and city police and on a hearing before United States Commissioner J. M. Graham of the United States district court was bound over to the next term under a bond of $500.

The liquor was found in a trunk which Albury delivered to the depot and which he later checked to Jacksonville. In the trunk as well were a pistol and a bunch of Yale keys, 29 in number, from the Dinner Key naval air station. The negro admitted he had been in the navy, but could not show his discharge papers.

J. D. Lockridge, captain of the railroad police, says the railway police have received orders to be vigilant in their search for liquor in the baggage transported by the company. Under the law the railroad company becomes an abettor of the crime of transporting liquor if it accepts baggage in which liquor is known to be secreted.

"Heretofore we have left the enforcement of the prohibition act up to the federal officials," says Mr. Lockridge. "From now on, however, we will take an active part in the enforcement. We are not required to have a warrant to open baggage in which we know liquor is secreted. If we are not certain, then we must get a warrant. But if we smell liquor that warrants us in opening the baggage."

October 8, 2,000 farmers will gather at Palatka, that being national farmers' day, for a conference on cooperative marketing.

CITY NOT TO PURCHASE THE DADE CITY ELECTRICAL UNIT

EXPERT INVESTIGATION SHOWS BAD CONDITION

DEFINITE ACTION FOR LIGHTS MUST BE TAKEN AT ONCE OR WINTER VISITORS WILL NOT RETURN.

That the city council made a wise move when it decided to have an expert examine the electrical unit and engine at Dade City, offered for sale to the city of New Smyrna, is shown by the report of the expert that it would be an unwise move on the part of the city to purchase the outfit, even as an emergency proposition. The report of the expert is that the cost would be more than $1,000 to put the engine in shape for use by the city.

The committee of members of the city council and board of bond trustees sent to Dade City last week to investigate the proposition returned Friday afternoon and a meeting of the city council was held that night to hear the report of the committee. The report was favorable and the council was advised to purchase the outfit as the best proposition in sight to get lights for the city within a reasonable length of time. No member of the committee was enough of an expert machinist to determine the extent of the "minor repairs" needed for the engine, so it was decided to have the Fairbanks Morse company send a man to Dade City to make a thorough examination and report before anything definite was done in the way of a purchase.

The mayor and council obtained an option on the plant until October 14 at a price of $2,000. The report from the man sent to Dade City by the Fairbanks Morse company was received Wednesday evening and it was informally considered by members of the council that the option should be surrendered and the purchase of the plant given no further consideration.

The report comes as a disappointment to the people of New Smyrna, who have been under the impression that the purchase of the plant was practically certain and that it would be installed and supplying electric current within a month. The council is now at the same point it was before the Dade City plant was considered.

A meeting of the council will be held within the next few days to determine what steps shall be taken next The city must have lights and definite arrangements for current must be made at once The only possible way open at present is for the people to carry the proposed bond issue in the special election Sept. 7 and for the council to purchase the necessary two electrical units, placing the order as soon as possible in order to have the plant working and supplying current before the beginning of the winter season. One of these units will be a small one to be used for supplying current in the day time and at night after the heavy load is off and the other will be a larger one to handle the heavy load from late in the afternoon until midnight

If the bond issue fails to carry it will mean a continuance of kerosene lamps and candles and an absence of our regular winter visitors the coming season.

The News has already received a number of letters from the regular winter residents inquiring if the prospects are really good for lights, and these people are anxious to know at once so arrangements can be made to go to some other place in Florida for the winter if New Smyrna is to be without lights this season

Definite action for lights must be taken at once.

Summer shipments of fish from Ft. Pierce are placed at 30,000 pounds per week, the season's shipment running close to half a million pounds, and the most of these are the lowly mullet.

Some time ago the state supreme court was 400 cases behind in calling the docket; it is now 200 behind but it is thought that at the next sitting not more than 100 of these will be ready for hearing. The court is hunting for an additional jurist but hesitates to ask the legislature for such.

WHO MAKES CHARGE FOR CLEANING LOTS?

Editor New Smyrna News:

Are the property owners of New Smyrna having a fair deal?

Not if others are having like experiences to my own, and I am told that similar complaints have been made.

I have four plots of land in the south part of town, 150x150 feet each, that have been grubbed and are easily cleaned up.

Three years ago the marshal had them cleaned and charged $6.00 for the whole job, which was reasonable. For 1919 the charge was $22.00, which is four times what it should be.

On two house lots, 100x150 feet in all, where the old graves are south of the city hall, the charge was $7.00 and the work should have been done easily in thirty minutes by any able-bodied man.

If others have had like experiences I would like to hear from them, and with their help see if we must stand for such injustice.

The accompanying letter explains itself.

W. S. HART.

Aug. 2, 1920

Mr. M. A Rollo, City Marshal,
New Smyrna, Florida.
Dear Sir:

I paid my New Smyrna taxes on March 18th last, and the charges for cleaning up my city lots.

These charges were entirely unreasonable and I told the collector that I would not stand for them, though I paid them to save him embarassment.

Since then I have been trying to get the matter adjusted and, through the different members of the council and Mayor Zipperer, have finally traced back to you as the responsible city official.

I saw you and was assured that the charge was excessive, that some mistake had been made which you would immediately look into and have corrected. I waited two or three weeks, then saw you again and received like assurances, but no results.

Out of six calls at your house, these were the only times I could find you. A call means six miles of travel for me. I then wrote you, but got no response.

You are a public official and your acts are open to criticism. I never met you except on these two occasions, and have no spite or old grudge to work out, but finding that other methods will not secure me the protection that I as a taxpayer am entitled to, I shall make an open fight for it, whether carelessness, incompetence or graft be at the bottom of my trouble, and it will be worked out, even though it be necessary to stir New Smyrna to its depths. I will wait one week longer for adjustment, then fire my first gun through a local paper.

It is up to you to act or be sorry.

Yours truly,
W. S. HART.

RUM RUNNER SUFFERS BY HOLD-UP AND LOSS

A few days ago a boat landed off the inlet. Thereby hangs a tale of woe and demonstrates that the life of a rum runner is not a happy one. The story goes that a couple of fellows were down here, from somewhere else, in a boat, expecting a cargo of booze. While awaiting its arrival they saw a boat come in and drop anchor, and suspected it also was a rum runner. They were evidently clever crooks, because they at once put out for the schooner and very soon boarded her. They claimed to be revenue officers, and made the crew of the prize they had seized go ashore, while they are said to have transshipped 10 cases of high grade goods from their victim to their own boat and made off with it, while the crew sat helplessly on shore listening to what the wild waves were saying. It is said the captured boat belonged in and was bound for St Augustine. The funny part of the story is that the original owner of the stuff has no redress, even if he or they knew who the men were who confiscated their outlawed property. —Stuart Messenger

Several portable distillation plants are in operation in this state and others are being considered, the idea being to work over the cut-over pine lands and convert the stumps into turpentine, pine oil and charcoal.

ARIEL DISTRICT TO RETAIN ITS SCHOOL

TRUSTEES ASK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO RESCIND FORMER ACTION TO SEND PUPILS TO LOCAL SCHOOL.

At the August meeting of the county school board, held last week, the county superintendent reported that teachers have been employed for all positions in the county for the coming year, with the exception of about 15. He also reported several outstanding contracts issued to teachers recommended by local trustees and employed by himself, which have been out for periods from ten days to six weeks. It was ordered that all outstanding contracts which have been out for ten days or longer be cancelled and the superintendent be authorized to fill the vacancies.

The trustees of the Port Orange school were authorized to rent a small building for school purposes from Mrs. Eugenia Fair, price $100 per year.

The trustees of Ariel district, No. 52, came before the board with a petition protesting against the action of the board at a former meeting whereby the Ariel school was discontinued and the pupils ordered transported to New Smyrna, subject to the approval of the New Smyrna trustees. The trustees refused to allow any part of their district funds used to defray expense which would be incurred by New Smyrna in providing for these children. The New Smyrna trustees refused to accept them without such additional appropriation from district No. 52. The action of the board in abolishing the Ariel school was, therefore, rescinded and it was ordered that the school be continued this season as usual.

The Ariel trustees, upon request, were given permission to have screens made for doors and windows of the schoolhouse.

A communication was received from H. J. Magruder setting forth the conditions in his section, from which it was noted that there are five or six children there who live four or five miles from Oak Hill and three to four miles from the Shiloh school. It was ordered that each of these children be allowed $2.50 per month each to aid in transportation, provided, the board assumes no obligation as to tuition.

In response to call for bids for transporting pupils from Hawks Park to New Smyrna school, two bids were presented, one from G. G. Warren for $85 per month, and one from A. B. Wilkinson for $62.50 per month. The contract was awarded to Mr. Wilkinson and contract with bond in the sum of $300 authorized.

DEATH OF FATHER IS SHOCK TO MRS. SAMS

In response to a telephone message received Friday afternoon that her father, William B. Taylor, had died suddenly at Gainesville, Mrs. C. H. Sams went to Gainesville that night, accompanied by her husband and Mr. and Mrs C. O. Williams. Mrs. Sams had received a letter from her parents in the morning saying they had returned from an outing in North Carolina, that her father was much improved and that they would probably be over here for a visit this week. The announcement of his death came as a sad shock to his daughter here. Some time ago Mr. Taylor suffered a nervous breakdown and since that time has been devoting his time and energies to recovering his health. He felt so much improved he had resumed his duties as president of the Baird Hardware company in Gainesville that morning. In the afternoon his dead body was found on the second floor of the company's store and physicians said he had been dead for about two hours Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon Mr Taylor was well known by many people in New Smyrna, having visited here frequently

Chastaine Child Improving

Little Aldine Chastaine, who was injured by being struck by an automobile on Canal street last Thursday, is reported to be improving nicely at the Forster sanatarium The child received a bad cut and bruise in the head from her contact with the cement paving, but the skull was not fractured.

During the fiscal year recently ended the state has paid into the national treasury approximately fifteen and a half million dollars taxes.

Y. M. C. A. CAMP FOR BOYS BEING PLANNED

FORTY BOYS OF VOLUSIA COUNTY TO ENJOY PRIVILEGES FOR TEN DAYS SOME TIME NEXT MONTH.

Forty lads of Volusia county are to enjoy the privileges of the county Y. M. C. A. camp, when the camp committee decides on the time, the place and the boy. The time will probably be from September 7 to 17; the boys will be between the ages of 12 and 15; the place will probably be the banks of Lake Winona, or it may be the banks of Lake Ashby. It may be somewhere else, but that will be announced soon by the county camp site committee.

The preliminaries are in the hands of a committee of three composed of R. H. Boyd of DeLand, J. Blair Dunn of Daytona and Maurice W. Ashton of New Smyrna. These three leaders of the county are to have the deciding voice in everything pertaining to the camp. Last week they inspected the proposed site at Lake Winona, a beautiful spot four miles from DeLeon Springs. It is about half a mile wide and from two to three miles long. It is surrounded by native forest and is one of the high spots of the county.

It is the intention to incorporate the movement and the camp location is to be made a permanent affair. What building is to be done will be done as a permanent oragnization, and the county camps for boys are to be featured during the year by the Y. M. C. A. workers.

E. J. Milan of the Orange county association will have charge of the athletics and aquatic sports of the county camp next month. Mr. Milan was formerly the physical director of the New York association. Mayor Duckworth of Orlando has written County Secretary L. R. Reynolds that Orange county will permit Mr. Milan to attend the Volusia county camp. Mr. Milan was at the state camp and the boys who attended that meet know what is in store for those who will have the privilege of being under his direction.

Mr Reynolds will address groups of boys in the county on the opportunity of attending the county camp. The membership is to be representative, and each community will have an opportunity of sending some boy to it. A number of lads have already asked for the privilege of attending.

Previous to the organization of the camp, September 7, there will be a preliminary camp at the place. It is being planned for the older boys and a few key boys who will assist during the camp in looking after the welfare of the place and of the boys. The camp organization will consist of a staff of officers and various departments and the entire group will be thoroughly organized so that the greatest pleasure and benefit may be secured from the fortnight in the woods.

Secretary Reynolds returned last week from the summer school for Y. M. C. A. workers. Earlier in the season he attended the boys' workers' conference at Blue Ridge, and he is full of fresh ideas for the proper direction of boy development. The county camp has many great things ahead of it, and the selection of a boy for the place is the greatest privilege ahead of any county lad.

It is the intention to secure a permanent location for the camp. It is the intention of the county organization to buy the site and for that reason the committee is making a thorough canvass of the places that may offer special advantages for such an enterprise.

HEALTH BOARD MAN INVESTIGATES HERE

A representative of the state board of health was in the city the first part of the week checking up on conditions in New Smyrna as regards the general health conditions in the city and giving orders to proprietors of public places, especially the retail stores selling food products, as to screens, sanitation, etc In a general way he found conditions in New Smyrna pretty good

Over at the lower end of Okeechobee a number of bears have lately been seen. A lad recently saw a big fellow walk across the path over which he was wending his way and it was a tossup which was scared the worse, the bear or the boy. The bear had a perfect right there for the vicinity is known as Big Bear branch.

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CORONADO NEWS

S H Barber has had a new metal roof put on the Barber house

H U Bonet Spent Sunday with his wife at the Detwiler home

Mr and Mrs John Schillings spent the week end with relatives at Pablo Beach

Mr and Mrs D P Smith and family are spending some time in their beach cottage

Mr and Mrs Roy Galbreath and family have returned from their motor trip to Miami

We have with us now the mosquitoes—unwelcome visitors and their speedy departure is desired

Mr and Mrs A S Matlack and son Marion of Sorrento spent several days this week visiting their friends the Misses Royals in the Baker apartment house

Dr T J Harvey of New Smyrna has purchased the Phillips cottage and moved into it last week

Mr and Mrs W L Cooper and Mesdames John Silsby and Jack Read motored to DeLand Tuesday

Mr and Mrs Wilbur Griffin of New Smyrna have moved into the upstairs part of the Old Kentucky Home

Mrs J Y Detwiler and grand daughter Frances Goodwin have gone to Harlin Ind for a visit with relatives

Mr and Mrs Walter Cooper left last Friday for their home in Sorrento after a visit with their son W L Cooper and family

Mrs William Schreck and baby are spending the week with the former's parents Mr and Mrs H C Long street at Daytona Beach

Mr and Mrs C A Raulerson and Mr and Mrs W E Dooley and son of Geneva are spending ten days in one of the John Adams apartments

The Detwiler family are now riding in a new Ford limousine which was a present to Mr and Mrs Detwiler on the occasion of their recent golden wedding anniversary from Mr Detwiler's brother

Arrivals this week at the Ocean View hotel are Miss Willie Brown Mrs N Higgins Mrs Hanson and daughter and D W Johnson all of Orlando Mrs Royal and daughter and Mr Palmer of Cassia Fla

Several turtle nests have been found lately and there is talk of a black bear that finds these nests and consumes large quantities of the eggs Several people claim to have seen the bear on the beach but nobody has tried to get near enough to it to take a shot at it

Rev and Mrs C E Toland left Wednesday for their home in Sorrento after a vacation of six weeks at the beach Rev Mr Toland is pastor of the Presbyterian church in Sorrento and while in Coronado was very successful in catching fish of many varieties

A card from Rev W S Gray says the family are enjoying their vacation in the Rose cottage at Daytona Beach The regular preaching services at the church here will not be resumed until Aug 1 Sunday school next Sunday at 10 30 a m with Mrs Maxwell of Sanford as leader

Frank Bennett formerly of Coronado and now of Sanford is visiting at the Peck cottage down the beach Mr Bennett is a faithful fisherman and he should have been having a hard time since he came Mr Bennett wishes there were some of the speckled variety in Lake Monroe

There have been a great many mullet and snook caught in the ocean lately The mullet come in close enough to shore to be caught with fish nets Several times bathers have run into schools of them in the surf Not a pleasant sensation but the fish didn't remain long after the bathers came

There have been quite a number of Coronado people at Coronado beach this summer At one time there were over 50 residents of this place there Several families occupied cottages here and are spending the summer enjoying the ocean breeze Last Sunday a Gospel meeting was held at the pavilion A temporary dance floor was laid and the young people danced the following evening Mr and Mrs Brooks C A Kauderson J V Mr and Mrs Sutter Mr and Mrs Kilbee and Mr and Mrs Wilson of Sanford

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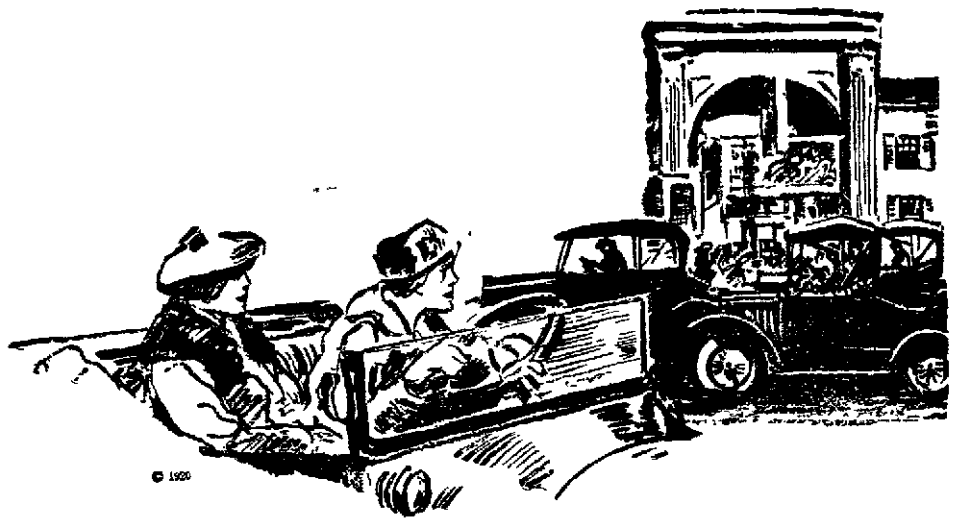

What's done as much as anything else to fill up the movie houses

LOOK at the crowds that step out of their cars in front of the movies every summer evening.

The movie managers would be renting half of their theatres for store space, if it weren't for the automobile.

II

It is typical of Americans that they took to the automobile as a matter of course—just as they have to the movies and to every other great invention of the last half century.

And the same thing has happened everytime. *Taking things as they come* is a fine way to foster waste and extravagance.

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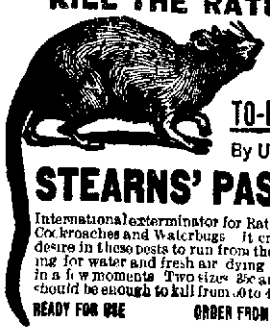
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